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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Friday, 16 March 1956

FRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Wisner, Mr. Amory,  
Col. White, Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Helms, Roosevelt,  
Bissell, Sheldon, Gen. Truscott, Mr. [ ]

Mr. Dulles:

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b. Noted he had received a very nice letter from Congressman Lipscomb expressing appreciation for the breakfast recently given by CIA for the "Society of Statesmen Club" of Congress. General Cabell asked whether consideration had been given to having other Congressional Clubs of Congress for breakfast or luncheon and noted that the Texas delegation has such an organization. The Director said he saw no objection to this so long as we maintained these affairs on a non-partisan basis. ACTION: IG.

In connection with Congressional matters, Mr. Helms said he had some reservations, from a security standpoint, about the proposal to invite selected members of Congress to visit [ ] Mr. Kirkpatrick remarked invitations had not yet been extended, however, it was intended that we would ask only the members of the sub-committees of the Armed Services and Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House and further, in all probability, not more than 4 or 5 all told would accept. Mr. Dulles pointed out that he thought it was high time that we show some of our wares to selected members of Congress in order that they might actually see what they have been hearing about during the course of briefings on our activities. General Cabell noted that [ ] would point up our professionalism in training activities and Mr. Kirkpatrick said that the [ ] would show how well prepared CIA would be in the case of an emergency. ACTION: Mr. Helms to further discuss this matter with Mr. Kirkpatrick who is to advise the Director of the decision reached.

c. Noted he had read his copy of the Soviet Handbook with a great deal of interest and asked DD/I to furnish him an additional copy which he will send to the Secretary of State.

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d. Noted he had received a call from Senator Stuart Symington in his capacity as Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Air Force of the Senate Armed Services Committee, requesting a briefing on the Russian Air Force one day next week or possibly the week of 26 March. It was pointed out that the subject of Russian guided missiles might also be raised by the Senator; however, no one present knew the exact terms of reference of his Committee. Mr. Amory suggested that [redacted] be one of those present at the briefing if the Director approved. General Cabell suggested that he get in touch with General Samford and obtain his views on whether he (Samford) should be present for the briefing and also determine what the Air Force has previously given Senator Symington on the above subjects. The Director approved and noted he had also discussed this briefing with Norman Paul.

e. Noted he was seeing Mr. William H. Jackson and the Deputy Secretary of Defense Reuben Robertson, Jr., at 2:30 on 19 March and asked Mr. Sheldon to furnish him certain papers he would need for this meeting.

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Mr. Helms:

Reported he had completed two sessions with representatives of the Bureau of the Budget as a result of their recent survey of clandestine activities and these representatives had raised the question of going into TSS. Mr. Helms said he believed that the prime purpose of this request would be to attempt to determine

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the extent of coordination on research and development programs being carried on by other departments of the Government. Mr. Helms said this would open a Pandora's Box since he believed these people would wish to look into the ELINT field and other related projects. Col. White suggested that, as a starter, we let them look at the gadgets shown during the last TSS exhibition. The DCI approved the Bureau of the Budget's request and Col. White's suggestion.

Col. White:

Noted that our program for hiring dependents (16 years of age and over) of Agency employees during the summer vacation period is going forward and it appears that we will have more of these CIA juniors this year than ever before.

Mr. Sheldon:

a. Recommended to the Director that he, in his capacity as Chairman of USCIB, host a cocktail party during the first week of April (date to be selected) to bid goodbye to [redacted] and welcome his replacement, [redacted]. The Director agreed and said he preferred to do this at the Alibi Club. ACTION: Mr. Sheldon. Note: Time of party - 5:30 to 7:30.

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b. Noted that the Director had asked Ray Cline to provide him (DCI) with a survey of CIA's Soviet assets personnel-wise and suggested that the best way to do this would be to ask each Deputy to submit to the Director such personnel assets as are available within his own component. The DCI approved.

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